

**Regular Session Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting  
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Monday July 20, 2015, 7:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mark Siegenthaler, Chair, William S. Moonan, Margot R. Fleischman, Caroline Fedele, Michael A. Rosenberg, and Town Manager Richard T. Reed

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Kenneth Leitner Jr.; Ground Operations Manager Dennis Freeman; Bobbie Ennis Council on Aging; Council on Aging Director Alison Cservenschi; John Cronin; Ben Thomas Finance Committee; Tim Gray, Volunteer Coordinating Committee candidate; Mary Ellen Carter; Facilities Director Taissir Alani; Public Works Director Roy Sorenson; Richard Mazow, Allan Morgan, Richard Rosen, Vito LaMura, Emily Pruyn, Council on Aging candidates; Meredith McCullouch, Press Representative; Ken Hill Bedford TV.

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**Chair Siegenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**16-14                      Public Hearing  
Proposed Revocation of Alcohol License  
Bedford Coach, Inc., dba Sparta Restaurant**

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to open the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed revocation of an Alcohol License for Bedford Coach, Inc., dba Sparta Restaurant. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

Attorney Kenneth Leitner Jr. addressed the Selectmen. Attorney Leitner is representing Bedford Coach, Inc. dba Sparta Restaurant. The restaurant has been in the Town of Bedford for 39 years and closed its doors at the end of May 2015. The owners of the restaurant are in possession of an All Alcohol license. The restaurant owners and landlord are actively seeking a restaurant to fill the vacancy at the Great Road Shopping Center. Until such time as a new tenant is found, the Bedford Coach Inc. would like to hold onto the All Alcohol license to make the sale more appealing to a prospective buyer. Attorney Leitner indicated that there were two interested parties at this time.

Mr. Moonan asked Attorney Leitner when he thought the sale might be finalized. Attorney Leitner indicated that they were hopeful to have it resolved by the end of the calendar year.

Ms. Fedele stated that she is familiar with the Sparta Restaurant and all they have contributed to the Town over the past several decades. However Ms. Fedele thinks it is unfair for Sparta to hold onto the All Alcohol license for such a lengthy amount of time. Ms. Fedele feels that the license should be returned to the Town and available for the next restaurant interested in obtaining an All Alcohol license.

Chair Siegenthaler asked Town Manager Richard Reed if the Selectmen were obligated to make an immediate decision. Mr. Reed indicated that they were not and could choose a future Selectmen's Meeting to come to a decision.

It was agreed that the Public Hearing would remain opened until September to give the owners of Sparta restaurant and the landlord more time to find a replacement restaurant for that location. The Selectmen would also have an opportunity to discuss the matter with Town Counsel

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to extend the Public Hearing until September 21, 2015. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

### **16-15                      Committee Appointment Interviews                                  Council on Aging**

Five residents of Bedford applied to the Council on Aging. At this time, there are only three vacancies. As the Selectmen liaison to the Council on Aging, Mr. Moonan explained the charge of the committee. Mr. Moonan indicated that the Committee provides services, programs and activities for older residents of the community as well as providing assistance and resources for elder care givers.

Chair Siegenthaler asked each interviewee to state why they were interested in serving on the Committee.

Richard Mazow indicated that he has lived in Bedford for 25 years. He is a retired lawyer and has experience doing tax returns for seniors in the Community. Mr. Mazow stated that many of the seniors he worked with were unaware that a service of this type was available. If elected to the Committee, Mr. Mazow would be proactive in making seniors aware of all of the services available through the Council on Aging.

Emily Pruyn has attended programs through the Council on Aging. She is pleased with the amount of evening programs offered to seniors who might still be in the workforce. Ms. Pruyn would like to see more day trips offered through the Council on Aging. Ms. Pruyn concluded by saying that the new Council on Aging Director, Alison Cservenschi has been wonderful to work with by bringing fresh new ideas to the Council on Aging.

The next candidate, Allan Morgan, has past experience working with the Belmont Council on Aging. Mr. Morgan indicated that he has personal and professional interest in serving on the Council on Aging Committee. Personally, Mr. Morgan and his wife attend classes and workshops through the Council on Aging. Professionally, Mr. Morgan has a Ph.D. in gerontology and would like to bring his knowledge and experience to the Committee.

Richard Rosen has lived in Bedford since 1976. Mr. Rosen is interested in serving on the Committee to help with various duties but especially budget and planning issues. Mr. Rosen worked for the Federal government for over 10 years and was responsible for overseeing a \$350 million annual budget. Mr. Rosen would like to bring his expertise to the Committee.

The final candidate, Vito LaMura, is a retired teacher and has lived in Bedford for over 20 years. Mr. LaMura currently volunteers at Minuteman Senior Services 20 hours per week and serves on their Board. Mr. LaMura delivers Meals on Wheels and teaches health and diabetes maintenance to seniors.

Mr. Rosenberg asked the candidates what service they believed was lacking in the Town for seniors.

All the candidates agreed that transportation and affordable housing were pressing issues for seniors.

At this time, Chair Siegenthaler explained the Open Meeting Law, the Conflict of Interest Law, and the Rules of Civil Discourse. He also encouraged the interviewees to consider taking on a leadership role as chair in the future.

Chair Siegenthaler thanked the candidates for their time and interest in serving on the Committee. Chair Siegenthaler indicated that a decision would be made later in the evening and the candidates would be contacted accordingly.

#### **16-16                      Committee Appointment Interviews                                  Volunteer Coordinating Committee**

As the Selectmen liaison to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, Ms. Fedele explained the charge of the Committee. Ms. Fedele indicated that the Committee is responsible for recruiting and identifying qualified candidates for the various committees throughout the Town. Ms. Fedele noted that the Committee has expanded from 3 to 5 members.

Tim Gray has previous experience working on the Conservation Commission and Trails Committees. Mr. Gray is a journalist/writer by profession and feels that his work in this area would be an asset to the Committee as he is comfortable talking to people and listening to their ideas and opinions. Mr. Gray would like to reach a broader base of residents and make them aware of the various committees and how their knowledge and expertise would enhance the committee.

Chair Siegenthaler thanked Mr. Gray for his time and interest in serving on the Committee. Chair Siegenthaler reminded Mr. Gray that there were two other candidates interested in serving that the Selectmen had met with previously. Chair Siegenthaler concluded by saying that a decision would be made by the end of the evening and he would be contacted by the Town Manager's office.

#### **16-17                      Contract Award                                  Sewer Force Main Phase II                                  Revoli Construction Co. Inc. - Franklin, MA**

Public Works Director Roy Sorenson presented the Selectmen with a contract to complete the second phase of the Sewer Force Main project along Bedford Street. Phase Two will continue slip lining of the 20 inch diameter pipe from Eldred Street to North Hancock Street in Lexington and from the Town's Main Sewer Station to the Westview Cemetery. Mr. Sorenson stated that they hoped to start the work in the next couple of weeks and have the section that extends to Lexington completed before the winter.

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to award a contract to Revoli Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,946,603.38 to complete the second phase of the Sewer Force Main project. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**16-18                      Contract Award  
Sewer Force Main Construction Services  
Weston and Sampson – Peabody, MA**

Mr. Sorenson indicated that the contract with Weston and Sampson for the oversight of the Sewer Force Main Project was still not complete. Town Counsel and Weston and Sampson were finalizing the language of the contract.

Mr. Rosenberg asked if this would delay the work on Phase II. Mr. Sorenson said it would not. Mr. Reed went on to say that the contract would be presented at the next Selectmen's meeting.

**16-19                      Contract Award  
Bedford Town Hall MEP Rehabilitation Project  
New England Builders & Contractors, Inc. – Methuen, MA**

Facilities Director Taissir Alani presented the Selectmen with a contract for the Bedford Town Hall Mechanical, Electric and Plumbing Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Alani stated that there were four sealed bids received for this project. The scope of the work includes replacing the HVAC system, installing a new fire protection/sprinkler system, installing a new addressable fire alarm system, the rehab work for the Multi-Purpose Room and other electrical and plumbing associated work. The elevator in the Town Hall was originally part of the project but will be bid separately as a cost saving measure. Mr. Alani said that the work might start in the next few weeks in the basement of the building. Cubicles and a work trailer have already been ordered to accommodate the staff located in the Town Hall. Most of the staff will be relocated to the Multi-Purpose room. The project should be completed by September or October of 2015.

New England Builders and Contractors of Haverhill MA submitted the lowest, most responsive bid for this project at \$2,007,000.

Mr. Reed noted that the contract before the Selectmen was not yet signed. New England Builders and Contractors returned a signed copy of the contract to the Town Manager's office that day. Town Counsel reviewed and approved the contract but had yet to sign it.

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the contract with New England Builders and Contractors for the Bedford Town Hall Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Project in the amount of \$2,007,000. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**16-20**

**Minutes**

**Regular Session Minutes – June 22, 2015 and July 6, 2015**

**Executive Session Minutes – June 22, 2015**

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of June 22, 2015 as amended. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-1. Mr. Rosenberg abstained.**

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 22, 2015 as presented. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 3-0-2. Mr. Rosenberg and Ms. Fedele abstained.**

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of July 6, 2015 as amended. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**16-21**

**Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Reed informed the Selectmen that the National Research Center which assisted in the recent National Citizen survey was awarding the Town of Bedford with the Voice of the People Award. Of all of the jurisdictions nationwide that responded to the survey, Bedford's citizens rated the highest level of satisfaction with their Police Department. Mr. Reed will accept this award when he attends the annual International City/County Management Association meeting in September.

Mr. Reed presented the Selectmen with a copy of the proposed bill to obtain an additional eight All Alcohol licenses for the Town. Mr. Reed noted there was a slight modification to the bill that was presented at Town Meeting. The changes are minor and necessary to be compliant with the Alcohol Beverages Control Commission forms and processes for application. Mr. Reed stated the Town should receive a decision in the next few months.

**16-22**

**Open Discussion and Selectmen Liaison Reports**

Mr. Rosenberg informed the Selectmen that he would be attending the Homecoming at Hanscom Air Force Base on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Rosenberg asked what the timetable would be for the next Fiscal Planning Coordinating Committee meeting. Mr. Reed said it would be after Labor Day.

At this time, the Selectmen appointed the candidates for Council on Aging and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to appoint Jennifer Kelley to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee for a term ending June 30, 2017. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to appoint Tim Gray to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee for a term ending June 30, 2018. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to appoint Allan Morgan to the Council on Aging with a term ending June 30, 2018 Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to appoint Emily Pruyn to the Council on Aging with a term ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to appoint Vito LaMura to the Council on Aging with a term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy in connection to potential Land Acquisition and to not return to Regular Session. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The Selectmen were polled individually: Siegenthaler, aye, Moonan, aye, Fleischman, aye, Rosenberg, aye and Fedele, aye.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**